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AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

LONDON.—F. ALGAR, 8, Clement's Lane,
Lombard Street, GEORGE STREET, 30,
Cornhill, GORDON & GOWE, Ludgate
Circus, E. C., BATES, HENDY & CO.,
4, Old Jewry, E. C., SAMUEL DRAGON &
CO., 150 & 154, Leadenhall Street.
NEW YORK.—ANDREW WIND, 133, Nassau
Street.

AUSTRALIA, TASMANIA, AND NEW
ZEALAND.—GORDON & GOWE, Mel-
bourne and Sydney.

SAN FRANCISCO and American Ports
generally.—BROWN & BLACK, San Fran-
cisco.

SINGAPORE AND STRAITS.—SAYLE &
CO., SINGAPORE, SINGAPORE, C. HEINZEN
& CO., MANILA.

CHINA.—SLOCUM, QUIGLEY & CAMPBELL,
AMoy, WILSON, NICHOLS & CO.,
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LANE, CRAWFORD & CO., and KELLY
& WALKER, YOKOHAMA, LANE, CRAW-
FORD & CO.

Banks.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING
CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, 5,000,000 Dollars.

RESERVE FUND, 650,000 Dollars.

COUNCIL OF DIRECTORS.

Chairman—H. HOFFMUS, Esq.

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LONDON BANKERS.—London and County
Bank.

HONGKONG.

INTEREST ALLOWED.

ON Current Deposit Account at the rate
of 1 per cent. per annum on the daily
balance.

For Fixed Deposits:

For 3 months, 2 per cent. per annum.

6 " 4 per cent.

12 " 5 per cent.

Local Bills Discounted.

Credits granted on approved Securities,
and every description of Banking and
Exchange business transacted.

Drafts, granted on London, and the
chief Commercial places in Europe, India,
Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Office of the Corporation,
No. 1, Queen's Road East.

Hongkong, August 16, 1877.

CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA,
AUSTRALIA & CHINA.

CAPITAL, £300,000.

RESERVE FUND, £110,000.

BANKERS.

THE BANK OF ENGLAND.

THE CITY BANK.

THE NATIONAL BANK OF SCOTLAND.

THE BANK'S BRANCH IN HONG-

KONG grants Drafts on London and
the chief Commercial places in Europe and
the East; buys and receives for collection
Bills of Exchange; and conducts all kinds
of Banking and Exchange business.

Local Bills discounted, and Interest
allowed on Current Accounts and on De-

posits for fixed periods on terms which may
be ascertained on application.

Intimations.

NOTICE.

A. MILLAR & CO.,
PLUMBERS, AND GAS FITTERS,
Queen's Road East,
HONGKONG.

September 15, 1877.

THE HONGKONG HOTEL.

TENDERERS are invited for a LEASE of
the HONGKONG HOTEL, the pre-
sent five-yearly Lease expiring on the 31st
of August, 1878. SEALED TENDERERS to
be sent in on or before the 31st March
1878, to the Secretary of the HONGKONG
HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED, who will supply
any information required.

By Order of the Directors,

LOUIS HAUSCHILD,

Secretary.

Hongkong, September 15, 1877.

DENTAL NOTICE.

D. STOUT has RESUMED, and will be
ready to receive Patients on MONDAY,
the 24th Instant, until further notice, at his
Rooms, Ground Floor, HOTEL DE L'UNIVERS,
Office hours, 8 to 12 Noon and 2 to 4 p.m.
Hongkong, September 22, 1877.

DENTAL NOTICE.

D. ROGERS begs to inform his
Patients and the Public that he has
tended to visit AMOY and FOOCHOW in
September and October, leaving HONG-
KONG about the 15th of September.
Hongkong, August 6, 1877.

Intimations.

G. FALCONER & CO.,
WATCH AND CHRONOMETER
MANUFACTURERS,
AND JEWELLERS,
NAUTICAL INSTRUMENTS, CHARTS
AND BOOKS.

46, Queen's Road Central.

Hongkong, August 20, 1877.

1877.

COSMOPOLITAN DOCKS.

THE Undersigned, until further notice,
offer to REMETAL VESSELS, Fur-
nishing all Material and Labor, except
METAL and NAILS, for TWENTY-FIVE
CENTS per Sheet.

IRON STEAMERS and SAILING VESSELS
requiring Three Coats Paint or Tallow,
Thirty Cents per Ton Register.

W. B. SPRAITT & CO.,
Proprietors.

Hongkong, October 10, 1877.

1877.

OFFICE OF THE SHANGHAI STEAM
NAVIGATION COMPANY,
IN LIQUIDATION.

M. R. JAMES AYTON MANN is auth-
orized to sign our Firm by Procura-
tion.

GEPP & CO.,
Canton, November 1, 1877.

1877.

WE have authorized Mr. EDWARD
GEORGE to sign our Firm by
Procuration.

NORTON & CO.,
Hongkong, October 29, 1877.

1877.

NOTICE.

WE hereby give notice that our late
assistant ASHWELL generally known
as "SMALL," is no longer in our Employ.

Patrons will please note.

RUSSELL & CO.,
Liquidators.

Shanghai, October 2, 1877.

1877.

MANILA.

THE Undersigned has this Day
OPENED at this Port a BUSINESS,
consisting of HOTEL, SHIP-CHANDLERY,
and GENERAL STOREKEEPER, situated on
the Mole facing the Bay.

Fresh Provisions and Water supplied on
the SHORTEST NOTICE.

EDWARD VERRIL.

Manila, September 12th, 1877.

1877.

HOTEL DE L'EUROPE,
MANILA.

On the Mole, near the Harbour-Master's
Office, and within Ten Minutes' walk of the
Merchants' Offices.

TABLE D'HÔTE, BATIS, BILLIARDS, &c.

EDWARD VERRIL,
Proprietor.

1877.

NOTICE.

FROM this Date Mr. EDWARD SHEPPARD
and Mr. M. W. GRANIE, are auth-
orized to sign the name of our Firm by
Procuration at Foochow, and Mr. F. E.
EIKMAN at Amoy.

RUSSELL & CO.,
China, June 1, 1877.

1877.

Entertainment.

INDIAN FAMINE RELIEF FUND.

A. CONAMATEUR CONCERT,
in Aid of the above Fund.

will be given in St. ANDREW'S HALL,
(CITY HALL),
DATE TO BE FIXED SHORTLY.

PROGRAMME:

PART I.

1. Overture, for two Pianos, "Athalia"
(Mendelssohn), Mrs. Hall, Dr. Clough,
Mr. Rennell and Mr. Sanger.

2. Chorus, "Irish Melody," (Arranged by
C. J. Brambach).

Members of the German Liedertafel.

3. Solo, "Praghiera alla Madonna" (A.
Tessin), Mrs. Robinson.

With Orchestral accompaniment, Violin,
Violoncello, Harmonium and Piano.

4. Solo, (Violoncello), "Variations" (Mon-
delsohn), Mr. W. Von Boever.

5. "Pianoforte Solo," "Waldeszenen" (R.
Schumann), Mr. Rennell.

6. Chorus, "Der Jäger Abschied" (Mon-
delsohn), Members of the German Liedertafel.

PART II.

7. Overture, for two Pianos, "Son and
Stranger" (Mendelssohn), Mrs. Hall,
Dr. Clough, Mr. Rennell and Mr. Sanger.

8. A Chinese Primer.

A Rare Manchu Coin.

Wax Yao and Shun Historical Persons.

Native Literature on Chinese Porcelain.

Books Wanted, Exchanges, &c.

China Mail Office,
Hongkong, October 31, 1877.

1877.

DEVOE'S BRILLIANT
OIL.

RELIABLE,
ECONOMICAL,

SAFE!!

DESIDRING to benefit by the world-
wide reputation of our Oil, certain
parties have attempted to imitate our
process. Suits at law have been instituted
against the MAKERS and PURCHASERS of
these imitations. Buyers should be careful
to see that the words "DEVOE'S BRIL-
LIANT" are stamped on the cases, and the
words "DEVOE MFG. CO. PATENTS"
are stamped on the top of the can.

40 BONES and 127 Pearl Streets,

NEW YORK, U. S. A.

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50 BONES and 127 Pearl Streets,

NEW YORK, U. S. A.

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46, Queen's Road Central.

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NOTICE.

I HAVE this Day admitted Mr. WILLIAM
LEGGE as a PARTNER in my Business,
which will henceforth be conducted under
the Style of HUGHES & LEGGE.

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Notices to Consignees.

CASTLE LINE OF STEAMERS.

FLEURS CASTLE,

FROM LONDON AND SINGAPORE.

THIS Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed, at their risk, into the Godowns of Mr. A. MCG. HEATON, whence delivery may be obtained.

Consignees wishing to receive their Goods on the Wharf are at liberty to do so.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on, unless notice to the contrary be given before Noon To-day.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining after the 5th Proximo will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by ADAMSON, BELL & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, October 28, 1877. no5

OCCIDENTAL & ORIENTAL S. S. COMPANY.

NOTICE.

To-day's Advertisements.

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES, PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.

The Company's Steamship

"VOLGA,"

Comit. ROLLAND, will be

despatched for YOKOHAMA

on SATURDAY, the 3rd Inst., at 4 p.m.

H. DU POUEY,

Agent.

Hongkong, November 2, 1877. no5

FOR HOIHOW, PAKHOL & HAIFONG.

The Steamship

"ALBAY,"

Capt. F. ASHTON, will be de-

spached for the above Ports

on SUNDAY, the 4th Instant, at Daylight

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & CO.

Hongkong, November 2, 1877. no5

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H. DU POUEY,

Agent.

Hongkong, November 2, 1877. no5

FOR MANILA.

The Spanish Steamship

"MAIZAN,"

will be despatched for the

above Port on MONDAY, the

5th Instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

J. Y. V. SHAW,

Agent.

Hongkong, November 2, 1877. no5

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHEW.

The Steamship

"NAMOA,"

Capt. J. E. PUNCHARD, will be

despatched for the above

Ports on WEDNESDAY, the 7th Instant,

at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & CO.

Hongkong, November 2, 1877. no5

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

S. S. ANADYR.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNNEES of Cargo per S. S. MESSAGERIE, from London, in connection with the above Steamer, are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and stored at their risk at the Company's Godowns, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

Cargo impeding the discharge will be at once landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

DAVID SASSOON, SONS & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, October 30, 1877. no5

GERMAN BANK MARCO-POLO, FROM HAMBURG.

CONSIGNNEES of

A M 87/1

Macao 35 cases Merchandise.

via Hongkong.

Shipped by J. C. JULIUS MÜLLER, are hereby informed that the same have been landed and stored at their expense and risk.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

H. DU POUEY,

Agent.

Hongkong, November 2, 1877. no5

NOTICE TO CONSIGNNEES.

FROM LONDON, LIVERPOOL, BOMBAY AND SINGAPORE.

THE "Indian" S. S. CITY OF LIMERICK having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk and stored in the Godowns of the Undersigned, whence and/or from the Wharf or Boats delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded to Shanghai, unless notice to the contrary is given before 1 p.m. To-day.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the 12th Instant will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned after Consignees have signed the Average Bond by

BIRLEY & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, November 2, 1877. no5

HUNYADI JÁNOS WATER.

THE BEST NATURAL APERIENT.

BARON LIEBERG affirms that "its

richness in APERIENT SALTS

surpasses that of all known WATERS."

WHOLESALE OR RETAIL OF

A. S. WATSON & CO.,

Hongkong Dispensary,

Hongkong, November 2, 1877. no5

IN THE GOODS OF

PROSPER EDOUARD HENRI DERODE.—Deceased.

NOTICE is hereby given that all CREDITORS and other Persons having any CLAIMS or DEMANDS upon or against the Estate of PROSPER EDOUARD HENRI DERODE, late of Lille, France, who died at Cannes, France, on the 10th day of December, 1869, and Letters of Administration of whose personal estate were duly granted to ANDRE DAMMANN, of Canton in the Empire of China, Merchant by the Supreme Court of Hongkong in its Probate Jurisdiction on the 26th day of October, 1877, are hereby required to send in writing the particulars of their CLAIMS or DEMANDS to the said ANDRE DAMMANN at his address aforesaid or to the Undersigned WILLIAM HENRY BREWER, the Solicitor of the said ANDRE DAMMANN at the Office of the said WILLIAM HENRY BREWER, 22, Queen's Road, Hongkong, on or before the 1st day of February, 1878. And notice is hereby given that at the expiration of the last-mentioned day the said ANDRE DAMMANN will proceed to distribute the assets of the said PROSPER EDOUARD HENRI DERODE amongst the parties entitled, having regard to the claims of which the said ANDRE DAMMANN has had notice; and that the said ANDRE DAMMANN will not be liable for the assets, or any part thereof, so distributed to any person of whom a claim the said ANDRE DAMMANN has not had notice at the time of the distribution.

Dated this 1st day of October, 1877.

W. H. BREWER,

At Liverpool.

Menelaus (4)

P. J. CARLTON

At Liverpool.

Eliza Shaw.

Johann Smith.

Lodore.

At Liverpool.

Cashmere.

Victoria (4)

At Liverpool.

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striking uniforms; and to judge from Joe Jumball's (H. Nancarrow) energetic and lively manner on the stage, he would prove an invaluable man in the retail business, confectionery or otherwise. Mr. J. B. Watson acquitted himself so well in his "Sailor's Hornpipe" that it was regretted he did not respond to the encore so deservedly given him. The farce of "The Ares Hells" is humorous and funny enough, but as the place of Penelope has so long been taken by the Celestial "boy," one is apt here to lose interest in the kitchen life of the old country. J. S. Dunlop made up a very attractive Penelope; and "Mrs. Croaker" (W. Stanhope) gravely played the severe "Missus," looking nearly as languidly correct as she did as Mrs. Polkinghorne. Pilcher (Sergt. Jones), and Toser (Sergt. Watling) made a good pair of kitchen-frequenters, or "followers," and brought out the ludicrous scenes very effectively; while the Milkman (W. Fetherby) showed that he could play more than one part thoroughly well. The Band of the Flag-ship played during the evening, under the leadership of Mr. Agius, bandmaster. We should think that a very handsome addition to the Fancine Fund will be realized by the praiseworthy efforts of the Dramatic Club of the Flag-ship.

A WOMAN of questionable character, named Kate Jessop, has just been sued in the Supreme Court at Shanghai by Messrs Hall and Holtz, to recover the sum of \$548.96, balance of an account for military and other goods supplied. Towards the close of the case the following discussion ensued as to the legal right of tradesmen to recover for articles supplied to such women for the purposes of their trade,—

Mr. Miller, who appeared for the defendant: Next, as to interest: I contend that they have no right to charge interest against the defendant, because interest only arises when the parties have agreed that interest shall be charged. Plaintiff, therefore, having only a running account against the defendant, had no right to appropriate any part of the \$200 they received from defendant, to payment of interest on an old debt, which interest they had never privately debited her with. The plaintiff, further, well knew how the defendant got her living; and there were things for which the law would not allow them to claim, because it was held that they enabled her to carry on her illegal calling.

His Lordship: Do you rest your case on that, Mr. Miller?

Mr. Miller: Yes.

His Lordship: Then if we had known that at first how much shorter the case would have been, I have here an argument on the defendant's case, which I will read.—His Lordship having read the argument, which was somewhat lengthy, said the general law was that articles supplied to a prostitute for the purposes of her trade, could not be recovered for. Of course, she must have necessary articles of food and clothing, but not for the purpose of her trade. He could not see why the plaintiff's ought not to be allowed to amend, because the goods, &c., were the same, in fact everything would be the same. If the defendant was disposed to rest her case on the argument submitted to the Court, His Lordship would decide it thereby. He did not mean to-day, but on an early date.

This course was adopted, and judgment was reserved.

His Lordship said in order to decide the case, he should want a bill descriptive of the articles supplied to the defendant.

Mr. Everall undertook that it should be supplied.

Mr. Byrne, of the plaintiff's firm, asked how, in future, were the firm to distinguish between "necessaries" and "unnecessaries" supplied to such people?

His Lordship: The first answer is—Do not deal with them at all; and the second is, Do not deal with them except for money down. If they order a dress, do not take it in hand until the money it is to cost is in your hands. The law does not tend to encourage tradesmen to deal with this class of person for the purposes of their calling.

The hearing then terminated.

The large Python at the Reffles Museum (says the *Straits Times*) was successfully killed this morning by the aid of chloroform and carbolic acid, in the presence of H. H. the Maharajah of Johore and several leading residents, who take an interest in such matters. The reptile's head was first of all secured by canvas bands to the iron bars of the cage, and the Curator then rendered it insensible by means of a sponge dipped in chloroform. Carbolic acid was then squirted down its throat by means of a large syringe, and in about 10 minutes the animal was dead. Its throat was cut, and all fear of a return to life was over. Its live circumference was nearly 33 inches in the thickest part, but after death it contracted to 2 feet. The length is 21 feet 2 inches—remarkably short in proportion to its size. It will make a handsome addition to the Museum.—There is an old saying that it "never rains but it pours," and this seems in process of fulfilment at our local Museum. No sooner had the big snake been successfully "done for" than a valuable horse, which cost, we understand, about \$1,000, belonging to H. H. the Maharajah of Johore, died suddenly yesterday forenoon, and the skeleton, thanks to the good offices of Mr. Emmerson, who is a most liberal supporter of the Museum, was placed at the curator's disposal. Skeletons of \$1,000 horses are rare, even in Singapore, and as the price to some extent guarantees the breed, the Museum is lucky in its acquisition.

(*L. & C. Express*, Sept. 21st.)

The P. & O. Company's steamer *Conan*, Captain Angove, the finest passenger ship of the fleet left Southampton on the 20th with a total of 180 passengers for India, China, Japan, and Australia, including Vice-Admiral Hillyar, the new Commander-in-Chief on the China Station, and Sir Harry Ord, who proceeds to assume the government of Western Australia.

Sir David Wedderburn, an ex-M.P., has addressed a letter from Yokohama to the London *Daily News*, in which, referring to Kusunoi encroachment in the direction of Japan, he expresses his opinion that though it may be too much to say that the cessation of Sapporo to Russia by the Japanese Government was one cause of the civil war in the south-west, it is certain that this was one of the inducements brought by the malcontents against the present advisers of the Mikado. He considers that although Japan will probably experience considerable financial difficulties in the immediate future, there seems to be no cause for apprehending that she will be unable to overcome them.

SEVERAL suggestions have been made respecting an appropriate site for Cleopatra's Needle on its arrival in London. Amongst other proposals is one by Dr. M. Grigor Croft, late of China, who suggests that the obelisk should be placed on the top of Primrose-hill. The ship containing the Needle has been successfully launched. The British Consul-General presided at a luncheon in celebration of the event, which was attended by about one hundred and fifty guests of all nations. The ship left on the 20th inst. in tow of the steamer *Oiga*.

AS further illustrative of the vacillation which has characterized the action of the Government here with reference to the Chefoo Convention, we hear upon reliable authority that the larger part of that portion of Sir Thomas Wade's memorandum which referred to commercial matters, was not published in the recent Blue-book on the subject.

Major-General Hon. Sir Francis Colborne, commanding the forces in China and the Straits, has arrived home by the P. & O. steamer *Pekin*, on leave of absence.

Colonel H. Peyton, half pay, late of a Brigade Depot, succeeds Major-General R. V. Shapley, C.B., in command of the 2nd Brigade at Aldershot on the 1st proximo. Colonel Peyton served in the 98th Regiment with the expedition to the North of China in 1842, and was present at the operations on the Yangtze, the attack and capture of Chin Kiang, and at the landing before Naukiu (medal). In the Panjab campaign of 1848-9 (medal), he served with the flank companies of the 98th at the forcing of the Kohat Pass, in the force under Sir Charles Napier and Sir Colla Campbell in February, 1850 (mentioned in despatches, medal with clasp). Commanded four companies of the 98th Regiment in the Peshawar Expeditionary Force on the Kowshay Frontier, under Sir Sydney Cotton, in April and May, 1858, capture of Pungtar and Chinglao, and the affair with the Hindostanis fanatic on the heights of Sittana on May 4 (mentioned in despatches). In the Peshawar Division during the Sepoy mutiny in 1858. He entered the Army January 28, 1841, became Colonel October 23, 1863, and has held command at Shorncliffe since January 23 last.

On the night of the 18th inst. thirteen masked men captured Big Spring Station on the Union Pacific Railway, 162 miles east of Cheyenne, compelling the station agent to exhibit a red light as a danger signal. On the approach, therefore, of the East-bound express train with treasure from the Pacific coast it stopped, and the men broke open an express car, robbed the passengers, cut the telegraph wires, and getting hold of \$100,000, despatched. No one was hurt, and the train, after some delay, proceeded on its way. Armed horsemen have started in pursuit of the robbers, the railway company offering \$10,000 as a reward for their capture.

The subject anecdote appears in the current number of the *World*—A faint brand of diplomatic etiquette has been committed at Dieppe. A correspondent tells us that on the occasion of a large fire the Japanese Minister accredited to this Court, with the special commission and another of the suite, were quietly gazing at the scene, having received a special commission to pass through the cordon of gendarmes. In a few minutes an overzealous soldier pounced on them and insisted with outspoken threats that they should join the line of *boucet-passeurs*. Exploitation of dubious French were of no avail.

Literally, at the point of the bayonet, they were driven to this work. They wisely accepted the position with a good grace, and toiled for some time with the French citizens. Fortunately the Minister had the side of the empty buckets. At last a French officer became acquainted with the facts, and with main bows released the distinguished diplomats. All this comes of adopting European costume.

The pugilist of his Excellency Kuo would have saved him from this being sent to hard labour. I am glad, however, to be able to report that the master has been amicably settled, and neither Lord Derby nor the Duke Decayed is to be troubled with representations on the subject. But if a similar *comptemps* had occurred to Sir Harry Parkes, in Tokio, surely an indemnity or an abject apology would have been demanded under threats of a bombardment of some peaceful town. I recommend the forbearance of His Excellency Wooyeno Kagenori to the notice of the Foreign Office of England and France.

THE "HELICON" CASE.

In justice to Captain Howes we publish the decision which, after a patient and careful hearing, Mr. Loring, the U.S. Vice-Consul, has arrived at regarding the serious charge brought against him by certain disaffected members of the crew of the American ship *Helicon*:

UNITED STATES CONSULATE.

At Hongkong, October 17, 1877.

In the matter of the allegations of Lewis Johnson, *et al.*, of the American ship *Helicon*, as against the master of the said ship:

Charles G. Twiss, one of the seamen of the American ship *Helicon* charged with desertion, was again brought up to-day. The Magistrate said that he had received a note from the U.S. Vice-Consul this morning, in which he stated that the defendant had made out a case against the Captain, and that consequently the Consul had ordered the defendant to be discharged from the ship with three months' pay. The Magistrate therefore released the defendant from his possession and fined him 5 shillings.

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NEGLECT OF DUTY.

Cheng A Tsi, servant, was charge by his master Mr. F. Fraire, with neglect of duty.

On the 26th ultimo, when the complainant returned from Church, the defendant reported to him the loss of a quantity

(about 18) of German silver knives and forks. From his report, it appeared that a man had been to the house to see the cook, and although the cook was absent, he remained some time and then left, when it was discovered that the cutlery was stolen.

The defendant's duty was to have been careful not to admit any one into the house, especially during the absence of the complainant. The Magistrate remanded the case to the 6th inst., but admitted the defendant to bail in \$10.

AN OLD OFFENDER.

Kwok Ating, a hawker, was charged with stealing a clock. Inspector Crook applied for a remand as the defendant appeared to have been an old offender. Remanded accordingly.

ALTERED MONEY.

Chun A-tai, married woman, Kwok A-yip, master of cargo-boat No 78, Low A-chow, house cook in the employ of Mr. Matt Master, Cheung A-ting, was charged with

on the fore-topail yard, and in some manner, no doubt owing to what is termed the "ballooning of the sail," lost his hold and footing and fell, first striking on the rigging as he went down and then bounding off into the sea.

That at this moment all hands were lost. That the gale was blowing furiously. That a very high sea was running. That the vessel was running before the gale, making at least 10 knots. That under these circumstances, to have attempted to have brought the ship to the wind in order that a boat might be lowered, would have been attended with great danger, not only to the vessel but to the lives of the entire ship's company.

That a boat could not have lived a moment in such a sea. However, granting for the sake of argument, that the Master had attempted and been successful in bringing the ship to the wind and that a boat had been got out, it would have been utterly impossible for the boat to have made any headway to windward, against the sea and wind, and would have certainly resulted in the loss of the boat's crew, the ship drifting rapidly, as she would have done under the circumstances.

I find that it was beyond the power of human aid to have rescued the unfortunate man.

I therefore entirely exonerate the master of said ship *Helicon* from any blame as that of his conduct on said occasion, and find that of the charges made, Captain Thos. Bassett Howes, master of said American ship *Helicon* of New York, now lying in this port, in my judgment is not guilty.

Given under my hand and the seal of this Consulate on the day and year above written.

(Signed) H. G. LORING, U. S. Vice-Consul in Charge.

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